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YOUTH WEEK is back with another full program!

Wagga Wagga City Council is proud to announce the program for Youth Week 2024: a week-long celebration held in April that is organised with young people, for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

This year, Wagga Wagga City Council looks forward to offering a packed program that has been designed for everyone to enjoy. Whether you want to brush up on the basics with Money Boot Camp, test your gaming and imagination skills with Dungeons & Dragons, 'shake it off' to some new Taylor Swift tracks, or show your talent at the Busking Comp, the choice is yours!

Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore says this annual event is one of the most exciting in the Wagga Wagga community.

"Not only does Youth Week directly represent our local young people and their interests," Ms Fattore said, "it also provides them with opportunities to learn for free, access social events to meet and connect with others, and experience fun in their own way."

"In 2024, we really wanted to create fun, pop-culturally relevant events and workshops that both excited young people in our community and aligned with their needs."

Community partners Riverina Community College, PCYC, Kurrajong Recycling, Mission Australia and Anglicare Financial Counselling are returning to provide practical workshops that will help local young people move through life as more informed and resourceful individuals.

Accessibility and inclusion are a key focus, with quiet rooms being available at events including Dungeons & Dragons, and the Taylor Swift Album Release Party. Venues have also been hand-selected for their accessible parking, wheelchair accessible bathrooms and functionality.

"Our friendly Community Development Team will be hand-on throughout all events," Ms Fattore said.

"Check out our unique program, take note of all our posters around town and be sure to join in the fun. This is an awesome opportunity to see what young people in our community can do!"

To view and book events visit wagga.nsw.gov.au/community/annual-events/youth-week

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

MONEY BOOT CAMP

Thursday 4 April – Thursday 18 April at 5pm – 6.30pm Wagga Wagga City Library Free - Registrations Required

BUSKING COMPETION [all ages]

Saturday 13 April at 10am – 1pm Myer Storefront, Baylis Street Free - Registrations Required for Buskers

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ['Quiet Space' available, snacks and refreshments provided]

Museum of the Riverina Historic Council Chambers
Sunday 14 April at 10am – 2pm [Ages 18+]
Wednesday 17 April at 9am – 1pm [Ages 12-17]
Bookings Essential - Tickets \$10.00 [+ booking fee]

T-SWIFT 'Tourtured Poets Department' ALBUM RELEASE PARTY [all ages,

snacks & refreshments provided]
Wagga Wagga City Library
Saturday 20 April at 5pm – 8pm

Bookings Essential - Tickets \$10.00 [+ booking fee]

RENT IT, KEEP IT [Ages 15+, dinner provided]

Wagga Wagga City Library

Monday 22 April – Tuesday 23 April at 4.30pm – 6pm

Free - Registrations Required

BUSHFOOD TREASURE HUNT AND FOOD FEAST [Ages 15+]

Wagga Beach, Riverside Precinct
Wednesday 24 April at 10am – 12pm
Bookings Essential - Tickets \$10.00 [+ booking fee]

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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